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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Michael P. Caren et al.

Group Art Unit: 1656

Continuing Application for Pending
Prior Application Serial No. 09/302,922

Examiner: Jeffrey Siew

Filed:

Title: FABRICATING BIOPOLYMER ARRAYS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Granted is 11/26/01.
E. Jones from OPLA*

Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR FILING DATE - EXPRESS MAIL RETURNED BY THE U.S.
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(b) a Statement by my assistant, Elizabeth Miller, that she deposited the enclosed Express Mail envelope at a U.S.P.S. postal station, where it was accepted, on 11/26/01, as shown on the Express Mail Label attached to the envelope.

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(i) a continuation patent application (total of 25 pages) and drawings (total of 4 pages);

(ii) Request for a Continuing Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) –
(in duplicate);

(iii) copy of Inventors' Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent application from which priority is claimed; and

(iv) return postcard

Given this envelope was accepted by the U.S.P.S. on 11/26/01 and now returned, it is hereby requested that:

(1) the enclosed application be given a filing date of 11/26/01; and

(2) the postcard in the enclosed sealed envelope be stamped with the 11/26/01 filing date and application serial number, and returned to us.

If there are any outstanding issues regarding this communication, the Patent Office is invited to call Gordon Stewart at (650)485-2386.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon M. Stewart
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Dear Sir:

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST FOR FILING DATE

I am an employee of Agilent Technologies, Inc., and the Administrative Assistant to Gordon M. Stewart.

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Very truly yours,



Elizabeth Miller
Admin.Asst. to Gordon M. Stewart

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